

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
WINTER MEETING
3rd December 2019, 19:00
Dorney Lake**

MINUTES**1 Welcome and Apologies**

Present: Gemma Clements, James Hinves, Kevin Denis, Clive Williams (Newbury), Warwick Redway, Kyle Grady, Roger Hiley

Apologies: Liz Murnaghan, James Gay, Matt Crossland

2 No matters arising from the previous minutes.**3 Reports****3.2 Chair Report**

- Ran a quick introduction session
- Provided a reflection of the annual review
- Listed some of the key events of the course of the year
- Skimmed through some elements of the current development plan, and provided a bit of background on Stronger Together and that there will be a focus on coming up with a Stronger Together “2” which is shortly due to go to consultation, its likely that the focus of this is likely to be on embedding the changes and build upon those from the first 4 years

3.3 Treasurer Report

No update from that at the ACM.

3.4 Area Development Officer Report

- Provided an overview on the developments of Paddlepoints and how we can all log in to contribute to it
- Coaching conference was one of the best attended
- Clear Access Clear Waters is running a petition of which they require 50, 000 signatures which will guarantee a debate
- Membership has increased to 38k, but there will still be a focus on the Club Associate aspect

4 Events Proposal

It was raised to discuss some clubs/centers that we perhaps are less engaged with and to pick out some of those clubs that we feel may need support that we could directly engage with through going on a paddle with them.

Each team member was challenged to arrange to go and paddle with the club, get to know them a bit and where possible invite the other regional team members along. The following individuals took the action to engage with the following clubs and **plan to have completed a paddle by Jun 2020.**

- Gemma – Alton
- Warwick – Upper Hamble
- Roger – Cherwell
- Kevin – Iyot / Henley
- Clive – Windsor
- Kyle – New Forest
- James – IOW

Roger mentioned the other group that we might want to network with would be the water activities advisors.

- Gemma and Roger – Contact the 4 County Water Activity Advisors to start bridging some links.

We then moved onto what types of bigger events we want to propose for 2020. It was raised for our big end of year event we can put different things on a 4-year cycle that reaches to different types of people;

- Recognition Supper (volunteers and coaches)
- Film & Photography Festival (community/diversity)
- River Care Awareness Day/Eve (community/outreach)
- Coaching Workshops Day/Eve (coaches/leaders)

Events that we would like to focus on for next year would include:

- Go Paddling
 - Discussed the ideas from Henley last year
 - Discussed possibility of an event at Woodmill, it was mentioned that the Woodmill Rodeo wasn't likely to happen, but it was raised that it would be nice to look at the idea of a Woodmill Waterfest.
 - Kevin and Clive – Speak with Henley Canoe Club about the Go Paddling Idea again and see if we can pin down a date and run it this year.
 - Kyle and Warwick – Speak with Woodmill to discuss the current plans and if there is any involvement that can be offered to support from the Region

- River Care Awareness Day – We talked about tying and event linking environmental things;
 - Clear Access, Clear Waters
 - Scavenger hunt either on the day or leading up to the event
 - Regional Led River clean up
 - Rights of Way Workshop
 - INNS Workshop
 - Balsam Bashing
 - Workshops on how to run a Clean-ups
 - Bring in exemplars of those that have organised clean ups.
- **Everyone: come up with ideas for our Environmental Day/Eve**

Other events we might want to consider supporting or getting in touch with the organisers;

- Hurley 31 (especially the club/team element)
- Abingdon Blastathon
- Young Guns when they host at Boulters

5 Development Plan

Nothing specific discussed that wasn't covered in other sections.

6 AOB

Nothing specific discussed.

7 Next Meetings

Date	Details	County	Organiser/Contact
3 rd March	Spring at Woodmill	Hampshire	Kyle/Warwick
2 nd June	Summer at Marlow/Longridge	Buckinghamshire	Gemma Clements
8 th September	Autumn at Riverside	Oxfordshire	Roger Hiley
1 st December	Winter at Wokingham	Berkshire	James Gay

- **Gemma: update the website and confirm the Buckinghamshire venue**